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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Bach Q. Vuong	2653

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 6-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 6 and 9 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 7 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Claim Objections

Claims 7 and 8 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim does not refer to a preceding claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 7 and 8 have not been further treated on the merits. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) under 37 CFR 1.75 (c), set forth in this Office action.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims 6 and 9 are allowed over the prior art of record because all the cited references, considered as the closest prior art and viewed in combination or individual, fails to suggest or fairly teach a recording medium including a combination of all features in particularly recited in each of claims 6 and 9.

Cited References

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The cited reference relates to an optical disk having wobbled and non-wobbled grooves being alternatively arranged thereon.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bach Q. Vuong whose telephone number is (703) 305-7355. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Korzuch can be reached on (703) 305-6137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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December 20, 2004



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